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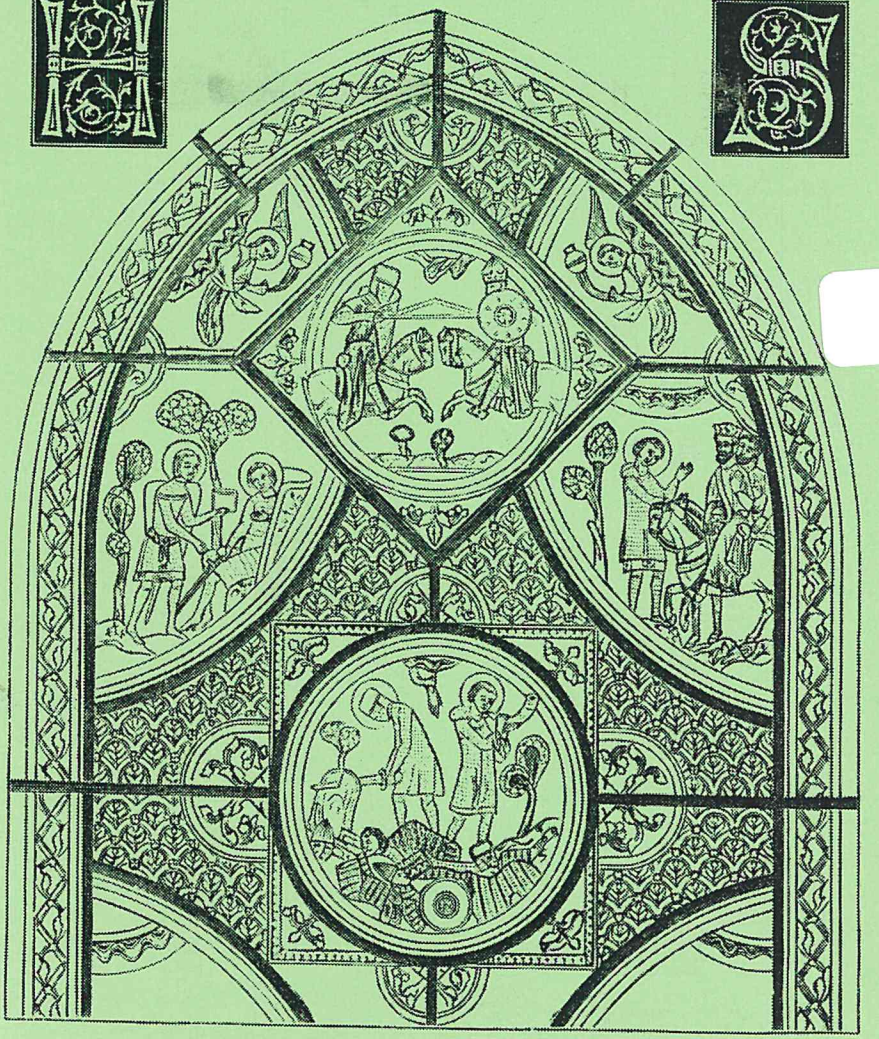

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27	HERALDS & SCRIBES SYMPOSIUM**
27	HERALDS & SCRIBES COURT DANCE BALL**

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3	SWORDED AFFAIRE**
10	GRAND OUTLANDISH CLEAN UP
17	OUTLANDS A&S COMPETITION *Caer Galen*
24	ROESSELSPRUNG & BARONIAL POLLING**

MAY

1	GRAND OUTLANDISH CLEAN UP
1	MAY DAY REVELLS *Drygestan*
2	AL-BARRAN MAY DAY CELEBRATION**
8-9	OUTLANDS SPRING CORONATION *Hawk's Hollow***
27-31	GRAND OUTLANDISH**

*** Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies*

From the Baron and Baroness

Unto the noble and victorious populace do Sir Trevor and The Honorable Lady Fermina send greetings. We pray each of you who traveled to Atenveldt found the journey to from Estrella War uneventful, as did we.

During the battles at war, al-Barran proved to the Known World, once again, why we are feared throughout many kingdoms. We decimated many enemy units, and played key roles in all of our victories. We thank House Haven Avare for providing breakfast for us each morning. That really helped to keep fueled for the day. Thanks also to Sir Dennis for organizing the baronial war effort. We had a great time this year. One that will be memorable for a long time. Many, many thanks to Sir Bohemond. All the weeks of practice and hard work paid off. Central Outlands rocks!!! Thanks to Don Otteaux, commander of the rapier fighters. We watched the rapier melees, and our troops did outstanding. Thanks also to everyone who participated in the A&S and archery war points. Truly, without your great efforts we could never succeed at war. Huzzah!!

Thank you Lady A'isha for organizing the Science Fair. We saw many projects put together by many talented, wonderful artisans and look forward to more events like these in the future. Great job.

We invite you to join us at Crown Tourney, In Gleann Medonach, on March 13th. Come witness for yourself who will be heirs to the Crown of the Outlands. We also invite you to attend Heralds and Scribes Symposium, held here in al-Barran on the 27th.

On April 3, the barony is hosting Sworded Affair. There will be many rapier classes and tournaments, and a feast that should prove to be fantastic. We look forward to seeing you all there.

For those who may not know already, We announced at war that We will be stepping down as Baron and Baroness of al-Barran on June 26th. If you are interested in the position/s, the deadline for letters of intent to Their Majesties is March 27th. The baronial polling will be held at Roesselsprung Equestrian on April 27th.

Til next month,

Sir Trevor *Fermina*

From the Loaner Garb Mistress

Greetings unto all.

I hope this missive finds all of you well, happy and well clothed. I recently posted a message on the al-Barran list requesting yard goods with which to make new loaner garb. I received many responses from our generous populace with offers of fabric and many helping hands. Most of all I would like to thank Lady Kathws Rusa! Her extraordinary generosity of fabric will clothe many newcomers in the future. Thank you, everyone. The loaner garb project is ongoing. Look for more postings of when the next work party will be held.

In Service,
Lady Diana of Llanberris

From the Mistress of the Lists

Merry Met to the Greatest Barony in the Outlands!

Tournament season is upon us and this means that all you fighters out there need to make sure you are card carrying members. You can't enter a tournament with out being a member and having a fighter card.

On that note I have some other news...at Roesselsprung I will be stepping down as the MoL for the Barony and my deputy Lady Emer Fitton will be stepping up. I believe she will probably put an article in the April Shaft letting you know what she'll want from you for Grand Outlandish and her policies. (speaking of GO don't forget we have a clean up on March 20th) Please give her the courtesies that you gave me and be nice to her.

We do have Crown Tournament and Sworded Affaire coming up and those will require updated cards to participate in the tournaments!

See you at the list table...

In Service,
Lady Danica

From the Arts & Sciences Minister

Greetings all,

I'm still a little muddled so this report will be short for a change. Science Faire was a great success and thank-you all very much for your support and well whishes. For those who don't know the Outlands won the A&S point at WAR. I hope everyone got a chance to go and see the entries.

Coming up in arts:
-Armor workshops with Master Tore
Thursdays from 6:00 pm until 9:00; call Tore at 281-5694
for details.

-Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196
This month Lucet is the main topic
-West Side Project schedule
No new schedule
-Sewing Circle Schedule THL Ash 764-8131
No new schedule
-Singing with Lord Tancred 203-0277
Tuesday nights

-March 20th A&S Past Times Scorpions Hollow
Ylaria de Montrivil 505-763-9503
Lots of classes

-March 27th Heralds & Scribes Symposium al-Barran
Maria Sol de Leon 505-277-5522
Ton's of classes and a ball in the evening

-April 3rd Dance Collegium and Crystal Ball Unser Hafen
Conchobarre 970-622-0133

-April 3rd Sworded Affaire al-Barran
Isabella 505-235-9729
Lots of classes both Rapier and Arts

-April 17th Outlands A&S Competition Caer Galen
Jeanne-Marie Dubois 303-702-9285
Check the website about the pre-registration for entering it was mentioned but I'm not sure.

Lady A'isha

From the Chronicler

Greetings al-Barran-ians and Blaiddwyn-ians,

Please join me in welcoming to the chronicler's office, Lady Bianca Mantegna as my new deputy. I also wish to thank Lady Bianca and Baroness Emma of Essex for all their help in checking the listings for the directory, and thus having it come to you very soon. Thank you also goes out to Master Adam for helping to proofread the phone directory, so that hopefully very few spelling errors creep through.

Al-Barran's website now has a new home, same address just a bigger space, just think more room for photos of the A&S pieces you have made, photos of events, songs, poems, please contact Lady Melody about contributing.

Thank you, Michael for another wonderful Pony World cartoon. Who will it be next month? And on that evil thought...

Lady Kathws

From the Bard of al-Barran

Greetings to all bards, storytellers, jongleurs, troubedours and populace of al-Barran,

Just a brief note. We are holding song practice at my apartment on Tuesday nights starting at 6:30 pm till whenever. If you would like directions please contact me at 268-4994 or you can e-mail at tancred@mindspring.com . I will give you directions. I will not be able to attend on the third Tuesday of each month because of citizens meeting. Thomas de Carisbourg is my roommate and he will probably be here. Please everyone is welcome. If you have a song you like to learn or teach please bring it. We have a great many songs as well.

I would like to let everyone know that we are making a CD called "al-Barran sings" and I would like to get as many people from the barony on it. So come sing for just one song. Song practice is not going to be held again until the second Tuesday after war.

Thank you
Tancred

Court Dancing Article

Court dancing is certainly alive and well in al-Barran! Court dance practices are scheduled at fighter practice park (Bataan Park, on Lomas, NW corner of Carlisle & Lomas) for Sundays, 2/29, 3/7, 3/28, 4/18 & 4/25 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at these free court dance lessons. (Note: the practice for 3/21 has been canceled and replaced with one on 3/7.) March 27, there will be the "Heralds and Scribes Court Dance Ball", from 7 pm to 11 pm at the student union building (SUB) in Ballroom C at UNM, sponsored by the College of Blaiddwyn. This will be a free event. (Please see the article on page 15) On April 3rd, at Sworded Affaire, there will be several hours of court dance lessons during the day. Our wonderful al-Barran musicians, Scorpion Scales, will fill the hall with their wonderful music for both events! Those wishing to have Scorpion Scales play at their event or demos, should contact Lady Lin Shiao Mei at shiao_mei@comcast.net or 934-3952. There will also be court dancing, Sunday, May 2nd, at the May Day Celebration. For the latest concerning times and locations of dance or music practices, please go to www.yahoogroups.com and join the al-Barran music & dance list, alBarranMusic_Dance@yahoogroups.com.

In March and April at dance practice in Bataan Park, we will be doing lots of maypole dancing and creating a few maypole dances, in preparation for our "al-Barran May Day Celebration" at fighter practice park on Sunday, May 2nd (please see the event article on page 18). At this May Day event, in addition to regular fighter practice, there will be a rapier tourney, a heavy weapons tourney, a "May Day Household Dance Competition", maypole dancing, court dancing, middle eastern dancing, drumming, period games for children and adults, singing, puppetry, story telling, merchants, a SCA items swap meet, classes for newcomers, and lots of entertainment in the Town Square. We hope you will come in garb to celebrate the coming of May and

make merry with us. This event will be like a mini-Renn faire and all ideas are welcome. This is an excellent event to invite newcomers to, as we will have several things special for newcomers, including newcomer classes. We also need volunteers to put on the rapier tourney and also to put on the heavy weapons tourney. If you would like to entertain on May 2nd or at the Heralds and Scribes Court Dance Ball on March 27, or are willing to host either of these tourneys, please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu

I wish to thank Gabriel de Morland and Lord Gauvain Eisenbein of Blaiddwyn for the opportunity to have a court dance ball and to teach court dance classes at Winter Wolf in January. Thanks too to Lord Canus Dragonblood and Lady Isabella al Harith for teaching and leading some of the dances during the Winter Wolf Court Dance Ball. A very special thank you to Lady Melody Shaw, who has been duplicating the sets of 3 al-Barran court dance CDs (originally created for us by the generosity of Lord Sean of Rio de las Animas), that I have been giving to the shires, cantons, colleges, and baronies in the Outlands, along with the 8 page court dance instruction booklet of 34 dances that I created, to help spread court dancing in the Outlands. So far these gift sets have been given to 9 of the 28 active SCA groups in the Outlands. Lady Lin Shiao Mei has diligently researched and located almost all of the sheet music for those same 34 dances and has them available for downloading to help other SCA musicians, at her website, http://shiao_mei.home.comcast.net/sscales.html

I was invited by Baroness Constance of the Citadel of the Southern Pass to teach court dancing at their 12th Night & Investiture, January 17 in El Paso and it was just delightful teaching court dancing to the Barons and Baronesses of Caerthe and Dragonsspine. Their dedication to learning and their enjoyment of those dances, during those several hours, is a memory I will long treasure. A very special thank you to Baron Sabastian, who made this trip possible, donated the fabric for 32 more maypole streamers, and custom made and donated our new, padded, carrying bag for our park, dance practice boom box. A very special thank you also to Thalauriana, who sewed the 32 maypole streamers.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Barbara

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From the Central Commander of the Outlands

To all fighters in the Central Outlands do I, Sir Bohemond, send greetings. It was my pleasure to be the Central Commander of the Outlands army this year. Together we accomplished a lot. We quickly revisited and learned new and complex tactics this year that served us well and made us the most disciplined and effective fighting force on the fields of Estrella War. You all have served your King well, distinguishing yourselves with courage and valor. Remember well this victory and the bonds you formed on and off the field.

I volunteered for the position of Central Commander as I felt it was my duty to help our region regain its feet and find the fun in WAR! I much prefer to fight from the front rank than command from the rear. However, after the fighting on Friday I was filled with an overwhelming sense of pride and joy at your success. We all came together and became an army of renown. There are stories being told of our prowess around the known world. The Outlands has always been an "army of heroes." And it has served us well. This year, due to our teamwork, the Central Outlands Army was both an army of heroes and a heroic army.

I would like to thank the following: Baron Duncan Alastair MacRae for his complete support and great conviction making our endeavor successful. Baron Duncan's chosen commander for the Barony of Fontaine dans Sable was THL Qara Gan Bagatur who rallied the fighters of his area and taught them tactics that was incorporated into our plan and was wildly successful. I would like to thank: Lord Badai Altai, who was my deputy commander, and has become one of the best line sergeants we have here in the Outlands. Sir Alexander Ericksson Trevor lead the bulk of the Central forces, al-Barran, from the front helping us maintain our strength, speed, agility, and momentum. Sir Gregor von Munchhausen for filling my shoes when I had to leave the field for other responsibilities and led the way, supported his baron, and setting a good example. And I would like to thank each and every fighter in the ranks who trained with us, joined in our endeavor, and in the fleeting opportunities of battle made plans, talked to your comrades in arms, and made "it" happen.

The most important thank you of all is to the water bearers. It is their sacrifice and service that allows us to march to and fight upon the dusty fields of Estrella War all day long.

Sir Bohemond le Sinistre, OL
Outlands Central Commander

2004 Heralds & Scribes Symposium

Barony of al-Barran
University of New Mexico
Dane Smith Hall and Duck Pond
Albuquerque, NM
Site Opens at 8:00 a.m. and Closes at 5:00 p.m.
Site Fees: Adult $10.00*, Youth (Age 6-12) $5.00
Child (Age 5 and under) Free
*Subject to $3.00 non-member surcharge
Breakfast and Lunch are included in site fee
Make checks payable to 'SCA - al-Barran'
Site is Dry

The Barony of al-Barran is pleased to host the 2004 Heralds & Scribes Symposium on Saturday, March 27 at the University of New Mexico, featuring classes designed for everyone from novice to expert in both heraldic and scribal endeavors. Heavy and light weapons tourneys are planned so that those interested in field heraldry will have a forum as well.

There will be a heraldic garb contest at the Symposium and later at the Court Dance Ball that evening, so plan to wear (or display) your finest heraldic garb. There will be a category for heraldic accessories as well. Winners will be selected by populace vote and prizes will be awarded.

Instructors for both heraldry and scribal classes are welcomed. To schedule a heraldry class please contact Lady Sorcha MacLeod at sorchamacleod@yahoo.com. To schedule a scribal class please contact Mistress Bennet Murray, Kingdom Scribe, at bennetbev@aol.com.

As always VOLUNTEERS are welcome and needed to run any event. If you are interested in assisting in any area of this endeavor please contact the appropriate coordinator below. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Classes, Court and Meals will take place at Dane Smith Hall; Fighting will take place at the Duck pond (those who do not get their fill of fighting are invited to attend al-Barran Fighter Practice on Sunday at Bataan Park).

Crash space is being coordinated by Duchess Leah Kasmirah of Natterhelm; however I have also arranged a discount at the Holiday Inn (Menaul & University) for anyone who prefers to stay at a hotel. The rate for our event will be $55.00 per night and includes free shuttle service to/from the airport and to/from the University. The Hotel will extend this rate whether we have one person or many but they need to know how many plan to stay

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Sunday	Monday	Tu
	1 Gammer Gurton's Needle	- Proje -S
7 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	8 Gammer Gurton's Needle	- Projec -S
14 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	15 Gammer Gurton's Needle	(
21 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	22 Gammer Gurton's Needle	- Projec -Si
28 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	29 Gammer Gurton's Needle	- Projec -Si

The Exeter Book of Riddles, No 17

Confined by a wire fence, and filled
with princely treasures, I'm the bulwark
of my people. Many is the morning
I spew spear-terror; the more I'm fed,
the greater my strength. My guardian

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esday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 -Blaiddwyn ct Conclave inging with Tancred	3 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	4	5	6 Archery & Equestrian Practices
9 -Blaiddwyn ct Conclave inging with Tancred	10 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	11	12	13 *Crown Tourney* *Gleann* *Medonach*
16 CITIZEN'S MEETING	17 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	18	19 Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshop	20 Archery & Equestrian Practices *GO Cleanup Day*
23 -Blaiddwyn ct Conclave inging with Tancred	24 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	25 -A&S Knowledge Exchange & Wkshp	26	27 *Heralds &* *Scribes* *Symposium*
30 -Blaiddwyn ct Conclave inging with Tancred	31 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice			

Regular Activities listings
More information on the regular activities is located on pages 18 & 19. Also check the A&S letter on page 8 for the others.

watches
how darts whistle out of my belly.
At times I almost swallow the burnished
dark bolts, the baleful weapons,
searing poisoned spears, esteemed by warriors.
Men remember what issues from my mouth.

What am I? **A Ballista**

March Dates
March 6— Full moon
March 7— Purim
March 17— St Patrick's Day
March 20 —Spring Equinox

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there so they can set up the discount rate in their computer for the event dates. Anyone who wishes to stay at the hotel should contact me off-list at mariasol @ illuminare.ws.

The schedule of classes is coming together and can be viewed on-line at our event website: http://www.unm.edu/~mariasol/h&s/

After a day of interesting classes an evening of great entertainment is planned and hosted by the College of Blaiddwyn, Scorpion Scales, and the al-Barran Court Dancers with a Heralds and Scribes Court Dance Ball. The ball is free and will start at 7:00 pm and run until 11:00 pm. There will be lots of dancing to beautiful live music by the Scorpion Scales. We will have entertainment to delight you and tables for playing board games. Bring your banners and scrolls to display and wear your heraldic garb. We invite new heralds to participate in heralding the dances and the entertainment. If you would like to entertain at this ball before the ball begins and between the dance sets, please contact Lady Barbara. The College of Blaiddwyn, Scorpion Scales, and the al-Barran Court Dancers look forward to your joining us and making merry. Check out the court dance ball article following this one.

PLEASE NOTE: Site is now Dane Smith Hall for the classes.

Directions:
From the North: Take I-25 SOUTH to the Central Ave./Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave exit, exit #224B - Proceed left (East) on Dr. Martin Luther King to the end of the road across University Blvd onto UNM Campus, turn left on Redondo and follow signs to parking.
From the South: Take I-25 NORTH to the Central Ave./Lead-Cole Ave exit, exit #224A – go 0.2 mi. Continue on Oak St SE - go 0.3 mi. Turn Right on Central Ave/Route 66 - go 0.5 mi. Turn Left on University Blvd NE - go 0.2 mi. to Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. at University Blvd. Turn Right onto UNM Campus, turn left on Redondo and follow signs to parking.

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Heralds & Scribes Court Dance Ball

College of Blaiddwyn
Student Union Building, Ballroom C, University of New Mexico
Saturday, March 27, XXXVIII (2004)
Site opens at 7 PM and closes at 11PM
No site fee and the site is dry

Come Heralds and Scribes, come one and all, to the Heralds and Scribes Court Dance Ball! The college of Blaiddwyn is sponsoring this free ball. There will be lots of dancing to the beautiful music by the musicians of Scorpion Scales and a Bardic to end the evening. We will have entertainment to delight you and tables for playing board games and to sit around visiting with friends. Please bring your banners, heraldic art, and scrolls to display and wear your heraldic garb. We invite new heralds to participate in heralding the dances and the entertainment. If you would like to entertain at this ball, before the ball begins and between the dance sets, or if you wish to herald at the ball, please contact Lady Barbara. We are delighted that Mistress Arwen Southernwood and THL Guillaume de Gonzac, the Dance Mistress and Dance Master of Caerthe and Master Alwen, the Dance Master of Dragonsspine, will be among those leading the dancing at this ball. The College of Blaiddwyn, Scorpion Scales, and the al-Barran Court Dancers look forward to your joining us and making merry. For more information, go to the Heralds & Scribes Court Dance Ball website, www.unm.edu/~mariasol/h&s/ball.html.

Directions:
Take I-25 south past the Big I to the Central Street exit, #224. Turn left onto Central and go about one mile to the light at Stanford Drive. Turn left onto the UNM campus and go to the stop sign at Redondo Road. The Student Union Building (SUB) is behind (to the north of) Popejoy Hall, just to your left. The SUB is also the third building to the east from Mitchell Hall, the site for the Heralds and Scribes Symposium. For a map of the UNM campus, go to www.unm.edu/campusmap.pdf

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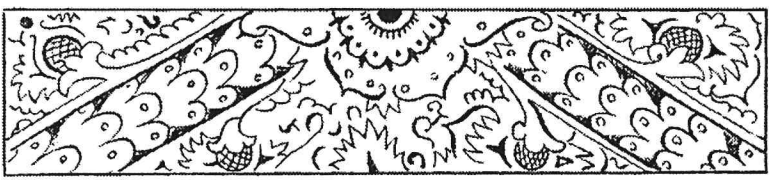

Sworded Affaire

Barony of al-Barran
April 3, AS XXXVIII (2004)
Moriarty Civic Center, 202 Broadway Moriarty, NM 87035
Site opens 8:30 am and site closes 11:00 pm
FEES: site only: ages 6-12 $3 /ages 13 & up $7 (this includes lunch)
Site and feast: ages 6-12 $5 /ages 13 and up $10;
5 and under FREE / $3 surcharge for non-members
Make checks payable to : *SCA al-Barran*
Site is discreetly wet - period containers only please.
No pets allowed.

Explorations of the 16th century!
A day filled with classes on the art of the Rapier as well as ones filled with arts and sciences. There will be a light lunch served during the classes. A tournament in the morning, one in the afternoon with possible melees to follow. In the evening there is a wondrous feast that will be served at la Clairiere de la Nymphe when we finally pull into port on the beautiful Island of Tortuga.

Evenings Feast Menu

1st Remove

Focaccia (Italy) — Mushroom Pasties (France) — Crostini di Fegatini (Italy)

2nd Remove

Fresh Greens (Spain) — Tender Beans (Spain) — Braised Spring Greens (England)

3rd Remove

Green Pea Pottage (England) — Beef and Pork Stew (Portugal) — Pepper Rolls (Italy)

4th Remove

Grilled Steaks (England) — Pork Roast w/ Spiced Wine (England)

5th Remove

Sugar Candies (Spain) — Pear and Honey Loaf Cake (France)

Struffoli (Italy) — Nipples of Venus (France & Italy)

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 25TH!!!
If you or someone you know would like to teach a class contact the class coordinators listed below as soon as possible for class space is limited.

Directions to the site: Head East from Albuquerque for approx. 29 miles. Take the second Moriarty exit (EXIT 196), at the stop sign take a right (SOUTH), at the stop light take another right (WEST). Go .2 miles make a left onto Broadway (next to the post office). Go .2 miles, and Civic Center is on the left across the street for City Hall.

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Deputy: Don Rudger Emerys (Dean Vickrey) RudgerX@aol.com
Head Cook: Lady Bronwen Blackwell (Reta Bray) 505-281-1066 or Lady-Blackwell@postmark.net
Reservations: Lady Isabella al-Harith (Ramona Apodaca) 505-235-9729 or LadyIsabella55@hotmail.com
Rapier Class Coordinator: Don Charles Robert Blackstone (Charles Winckless) 505-980-5503 or charles@silvertyne.com
A&S Class Coordinator: Lady Emer de Fitton (Kim Butler) 505-293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu

Roesselsprung

An Equestrian High Tournament
Barony of al-Barran
April 24th, XXXVIII (2004)
Vista Sandia Equestrian Park, Albuquerque, NM
Site Opens at 8:00 am; closes at 6:00 pm
FREE- No Site Fee
Site is dry!

A crash, like that of thunder heralding a spring rainstorm, is heard upon the wind across the Outlands. Our loyal steeds and their riders grow restless, with bits clinking in the stillness, before the opponents surge together to face one another again in the joust.

Let it be known that on the 24th day of the fourth month, being April, that there will be a tournament for equestrians held in the great Barony of al-Barran. This tournament will be held at intermediate and advanced levels only and will incorporate such skill at arms as jousting, mounted combat, and a hastiludes course (tipped weapons), which will include the quintain. Special authorizations are required for mounted combat and jousting. Everyone must be authorized prior to the day of the event. There will be no authorizations at the tournament- NO EXCEPTIONS. Full heraldic barding is strongly encouraged. A limited number of horses are available and it is preferable that a rider practice and compete on the same horse, so reservations and attendance at practice prior to the event are encouraged. Practice dates are listed on page 7 or page 23.

Please refer to the SCA Equestrian Handbook for more information on the 'tipped' weapons games for the hastiludes (javelin, pig sticking, ring tilt and quintain) and for mounted combat. The handbook can be found at http://www.sca.org/officers/marshal/combat/equestrian/index.html Contact Lady Dubheasa for horse information and reservations as well as jousting authorization.

So gather your boots and polish your spurs for a grand display of pageantry and skill. Enjoy an afternoon at the German Equestrian High Tournament with blitzpferde und donnernde hoves!

Directions: From I-25, go East (toward the mountains) on Paseo Del Norte, then turn right on either Browning or Lowell (both are lights)- From Brown-

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ing, take an immediate left and follow the park sign to the right into the parking lot. From Lowell, take an immediate right and follow the park sign to the left into the parking lot.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!
For Ground crew and Setup- please contact the autocrat

Autocrat and Horse Reservations: Lady Dubheasa Eachinse (Kari Rigg) 505-730-3999 khabaret@comcast.net
Equestrian Marshal in Charge: Lady Laurel O'Rourke (Laurel Elrick) 505-352-0548 lelrick@msn.com

Practice dates until the tournament are:
March 6th, 7th and 20th, 21st
April 10th, 11th and 17th, 18th

May Day Melees

The Shire of Drygestan
May 1st, A.S. XXXIX (2004)
Monica Lucero Park, Santa Fe, NM
Site Opens at 8:00 am; Closes at 5:00 pm
Site Fee $2.00 for members and $5.00 for non-members
Dogs must be on leashes attached to the owner
Site is dry.
No Merchants.

Fighters! Arm yourselves. Back by popular demand the Shire of Drygestan's May Day Melees will once again be held! Bring your heavy weapons; bring your light weapons for a fun filled day of bridge battles, open field, 5 man melee team scenarios and more. Lunch will be included with site fee.

Directions: Monica Lucero Park, 2356 Ave. de Las Campanas, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Make your best way to Cerrillos Road and Rodeo Road. Turn on Rodeo Road heading east to a stop light. Ave. de Las Campanas is a left turn only. Drive a short distant and the park will be on your left, there is a small parking lot, with some parking on the street.

Autocrat's: Marygold Tynker, 505-474-7468, clantynker@ juno.com
Renee Nix of Livingstone 505-690-0913, rnix@co.santa-fe.nm.us

al-Barran May Day Celebration

Barony of al-Barran
Bataan Park, NW corner of Lomas & Carlisle
Albuquerque, NM
Sunday, May 2, A.S. XXXVIII (2004)
Site opens at 9 AM and closes at 5 PM
No site fee and the site is dry

It's May! It's May! The lovely month of May! Come join us in a May Day Celebration of the performing arts at a mini-renaissance faire, hosted by the

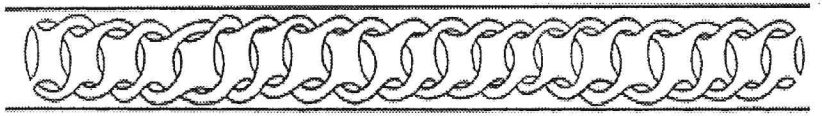
al-Barran Court Dancers. There will be dancing around two Maypoles, court dancing, middle eastern dancing, drumming, a "May Day Household Dance Competition", singing, story telling, and puppetry. There will also be period games for adults and children, a heavy weapons tourney, a rapier tourney, merchants, a SCA items swap meet (clean out your collection of "SCA items" and bring them to swap, sell, or give away to newcomers and others) and classes for newcomers, along with regular fighter practice. We encourage you to wear your garb to this event and bring your period games, musical instruments, pillows, blankets, and chairs to sit on, as there will be lots of entertainment in the "Town Square" ! We are looking for individuals or households to sponsor and put on a heavy weapons tournament and a rapier tournament. If you are interested in hosting a tournament, entertaining, or teaching a class, please contact Lady Barbara. We will have special events and classes for newcomers, so this is a wonderful event to invite newcomers and your friends to. Come and make merry and contribute your talents and gifts to make this a Magical Day!!

For the May Day Household Dance Competition, there will be eight dance categories for adults and youth: court dance, original court dance, maypole dance, and middle eastern dance. To enter this Household competition, a household does not have to have dancers in each of the eight categories and they may have more than one entry in a given category (for example they may have two groups of dancers dancing different dances in the original court dance adult division.) Individuals, not affiliated with a household, may also enter this dance competition. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each dance competition, as well as to the winning household. A sound system that plays CDs and audio tapes will be provided on May 2nd.

The al-Barran Court Dancers, who are sponsoring this Household Dance Competition, will give private court dance lessons to your household at the park on Sundays during fighter practice or elsewhere. We will also make copies of the court dance music (just bring an audio tape to the park) and even help you in selecting court dances for your household dance performing groups of two, three, four, six, eight, members or more. Maypole dance practices will be at fighter practice park on Sundays 3/7, 3/28, 4/18 and 4/25 with maypole practice for everyone, 12:30-2:30 pm. Households may reserve time before or after these times on these dates for working out their own maypole dances. Please contact Lady Barbara, for private dance lessons, and for reserving private time to practice and work out dances with the maypoles. We also strongly recommend that your maypole dance choreographers attend some of the maypole dance practices, to figure out how the maypole streamers react to different moves by the dancers.

Directions: Take I-40 in Albuquerque to the Carlisle exit. Exit onto Carlisle and go south on Carlisle to Lomas. Turn right (west) at the light onto Lomas and go just past the Walgreen's to Bataan Park.

For further information, contact the autocrat, Lady Barbara (Barbara Krege), 505-293-7453, krege@aps.edu



Grand Outlandish XXXI

Barony of al-Barran
Torrance County Park
May 27th - 31st A.S. XXXIX (2004)

All are invited to warm and sunny al-Barran where the 31st Grand Outlandish Tournaments will be held. The event will be at the Torrance County Park - same as last year. Starting on Friday there will be more fighting, fun, socializing, fighting, fun, shopping, fighting, fun, _____, (fill in the blank with what you like to do best), and more fighting and lots more fun.

Remember there is no water on site you must bring your own. The site is at about 7000 feet (read, drink a lot of water and use sunscreen) with trees and lots of good camping. If you would like to have a fabulous camping spot of your choice, reserved just for you all you have to do is come to the clean up weekends. The cleanup weekends are tentatively scheduled for March 20th, April 10th, and May 1st. Call the autocrat or deputy-autocrat for more information and weather conditions for the weekend.

Attention merchants!! We are asking for pre-registration for Grand Outlandish. Duchess Kathryn of Iveragh is the coordinator for merchants this year. Any questions or information needed should be directed to her.

Costs for this event are $20 per adult (over 15), $10 under 15 years of age, and a maximum family cap of $55. All non-members must be sponsored by and member and pay an extra $3. The site is wet and the laws of the land do apply (NO alcohol for minors).

Directions: From I-25 and I-40, travel 19.2 miles east on I-40 to exit 187 at Edgewood. Go south 0.2 miles to junction NM333 (Old 66). Go left on NM333 (Old 66) and travel east 4.4 miles to Lexco Rd. (look for Mountain View Elementary School). Turn Right on Lexco and travel south for 2.4 miles to Martinez (a dirt road). Turn right and travel west on Martinez. Go 2.4 miles and look for a small sign on the left with "Torrance County Park" on it. This sign marks an unnamed road. Turn left on this road and travel south for 0.3 miles to the park.

See you all there!

Autocrat: Mistress Aziza al Kashani (Jennifer Cunico), 1304 Kentucky NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, phone: (505) 256-4568; email: jenopie@worldnet.att.net
Deputy-autocrat: Lord Christobal (Robert Baca), phone: (505) 839-7302; email: abqbobcat@aol.com
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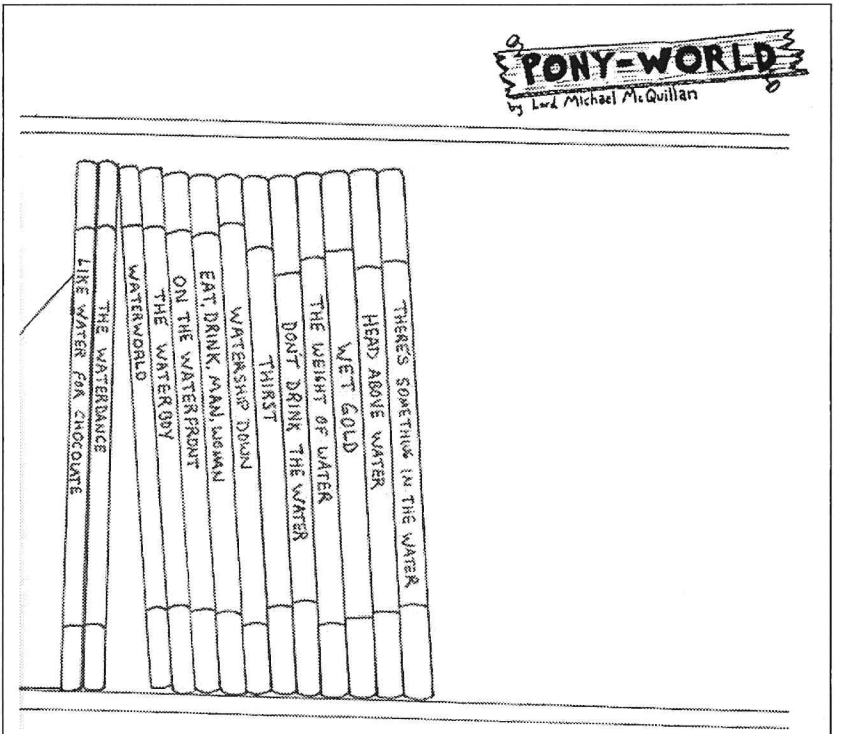


"Lady Gwynedd's DVD collection"...

Outlandish Clean up Weekend Dates

Would you like to have a reserved camp spot? All you have to do is come to all the clean up weekends and help out. The dates are listed below and any questions about clean up can be directed to Cristobal at 839-7302.

March 20th April 10th May 1st

Put them on your calendar and plan on joining the fun.

See you all there,
Aziza

Volunteers Wanted for Children's Activities at G. O.

If you would like to put on a children or youth activity at Grand Outlandish, May 27-30, or help with an activity, please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu . We are also looking for a household or individual, who would be willing to put on a "teen's evening event" for the teens, in the youth tent, either Friday or Saturday evening, till about 10 pm.

Gammer Gurton's Needle

This month's meetings for Gammer Gurton's Needle will be held at Lady Diana of Llanberris' house (Diana Duke). Her address is 2918 Morningside NE, 5 blocks east of Carlisle between Menaul and Candelaria. Take your best route to the intersection of Carlisle and Menaul. Go north on Carlisle and turn right at the light at Claremont. Go 5 blocks and turn left on Morningside. The house is on the east side of the street. Her phone is 294-8332. Her Grace Duchess Leah will be teaching the use of the lucet to make cords and braids. This is a very easy and pleasant skill, easy to take and can be done in any weather (such as the windy days at fighter practice that are ahead!)

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different threadwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, lacis, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom and cardweaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7 pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. Contacts: Rosamond de Preston at 865-9082 or email ldyrosamond@msn.com or Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or email HLDelia@aol.com.

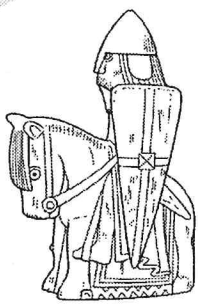
Website: http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure." From the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice

Equestrians Attend!

The end of April will see a glorious Equestrian Tournament and the summer will bring many wonderful days of horse play. We have arranged to have horses available for those who wish to prepare for the Tournament, or just want to improve their skills. We will be practicing for Jousting and Mounted Combat. This will be great fun so plan on joining us. For more information, please contact Dubheasa (Kari) at 730-3999 or Aziza at 256-4568.



Equestrian Practices are on March 6-7, March 20-21, April 10-11, and April 17-18; starting at 11:00 am.

See you there!

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice Held every other Saturday morning starting at 9:30 am over the summer at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park*: Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Archery Practice Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Citizens Meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 1100 Texas St NE. (This location may be changing in the future) *Contact: Master James David 832-5393*

Court Dance Practice Court dance practices are scheduled at fighter practice (Battan Park, NW corner of Lomas & Carlisle), 12:30 to 2:30 pm, Sundays, 2/29, 3/7, 3/28, 4/18, and 4/25. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome to these free court dance practices. Please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran musicians and court dance list for the latest information concerning court dance practices, at **alBarranMusic_Dance@yahoogroups.com.**

"Scorpion Scales" Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. New musicians are always welcome - non electric instruments preferred. Practices are held Sundays and Mondays. Sunday practices are held at the SUB on the UNM campus at 12 pm - 3:30 pm, thanks to support from Blaiddwyn. (When the weather turns nice again, Sunday practices will be held at fighter practice park at 12 pm.) Monday practices are held at the home of Lady Lin Shiao Mei (4517 Sun Valley Drive SW, ABQ) at 7 pm. Check for changes in practice times and locations, as well as download sheet music to practice, at **http://shiao_mei.home.comcast.net/sscales.html** - for further information, please contact Lady Lin Shiao Mei, at shiao_mei@comcast.net or 934-3952.

Singing Practice Come sing on Tuesday nights starting at 6:30 pm till whenever. *Contact Lord Tancred for directions, etc. at 268-4994 or by e-mail at tancred@mindspring.com*

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice Practices will be held starting at 11:00 am on Saturdays and Sundays. Practice Dates Are: Feb. 21-22; March 6-7, 20-21; and April 10-11, 17-18. *Please contact the Equestrian Marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email khabaret@comcast.net for directions to the site and any other information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article on the facing page. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emer Fitton 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice will continue on Wednesdays 6 pm-9 pm till December 17th in the SUB Ballroom B. It shall resume in early January. Typically there is light fighting. Heavy fighters are welcome but should bring someone to fight. The Ballroom is in the Northwest corner of the Mall level of the UNM Student Union Building. We are usually in Ballroom B; However, The SUB occasionally does last minute room changes, and so if you are unable to find us, please ask what room we are in at the information desk. Parking is always a problem at UNM. The SUB has a loading dock, and people can try and unload there. They then move their vehicles across Central. Please do not park in the loading dock.

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